GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4390
ANSWERED ON:29.03.2017
Details of Courts/Tribunals
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of district courts, session courts, tribunals in the country, State / UT-wise; and
(b) the number of posts of Judges lying vacant in High Courts, district and session courts, State / UT-wise?

Answer

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE AND ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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(a): The District and Subordinate Courts are set up by the State Governments in consultation with concerned High Courts. Hence, State / UT-wise list of District and Subordinate Courts are not maintained centrally. However, as per the Court News (July-September, 2016) of Supreme Court, the working strength of Judges / Judicial Officers in District and Subordinate Courts was 16,528 as on 30.09.2016. The State / UT wise details of working strength of Judges / Judicial Officers of District and Subordinate Courts in the country are given in the Statement at Annexure − I. Indian Law Institute (ILI) in its report has identified 36 Tribunals. State / UT-wise list of Tribunals is not maintained centrally.

(b): The details of vacancies of Judges of the High Courts (High Court-wise) as on 01.03.2017 are given in the Statement at Annexure − II.

Under the Constitutional framework the responsibility of appointing District Judges and other members of the State Judicial Service vests with the High Courts and State Governments. The Central Government has no role in the appointment of Subordinate Judiciary. However, as per the Court News (July-September, 2016) of Supreme Court, the details of vacancies of Judges / Judicial Officers in District and Subordinate Courts as on 30.09.2016 are given in the Statement at Annexure − III.
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Annexure - I
Statement referred to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4390 for reply on 29.03.2017
Working Strength of Judges / Judicial Officers of District and Subordinate Courts in the country as on 30.09.2016*
Sr. No. Name of the State / UT Working Strength of Judges / Judicial Officers as on 30.09.2016*
1. Uttar Pradesh 1674
2. Andhra Pradesh & Telangana 798
3(a) Mahrashtra 2248
3(b) Goa 46
3(c) Diu and Daman 6
3(d) Silvasa
4(a) West Bengal 885
4(b) Andaman & Nicobar
5. Chhattisgarh 334
6. Delhi 491
7. Gujarat 1133
8(a) Assam 314
8(b) Nagaland 25
8(c) Mizoram 30
8(d) Arunachal Pradesh 17
9. Himachal Pradesh 145
10. Jammu & Kashmir 219
11. Jharkhand 454
12. Karnataka 923
13(a) Kerala 415
13(b) Lakshadweep 3
14. Madhya Pradesh 1233
15. Manipur 34
16. Meghalaya 41

17(a) Tamil Nadu 948
17(b) Puducherry 14
18. Orissa 606
19. Bihar 1016
20(a) Punjab 548
20(b) Haryana 505
20(c) Chandigarh 30
21. Rajasthan 1081
22. Sikkim 14
23. Tripura 78
24. Uttarakhand 220
Total 16528

*Court News (July-September, 2016) of Supreme Court
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Annexure - II
Statement referred to Lok Sabha Un-starred Question No. 4390 for reply on 29.03.2017
Vacancy position of Judges of the High Courts (High Court-wise) as on 01.03.2017
Sr. No. High Court Number of Vacancies
1 Allahabad 75
2 High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad 34
3 Bombay 32
4 Calcutta 35
5 Chhattisgarh 12
6 Delhi 22
7 Gauhati 07
8 Gujarat 21
9 Himachal Pradesh 04
10 Jammu & Kashmir 08
11 Jharkhand 12
12 Karnataka 31
13 Kerala 11
14 Madhya Pradesh 16
15 Madras 20
16 Manipur 02
17 Meghalaya 01
18 Orissa 09
19 Patna 23
20 Punjab & Haryana 39
21 Rajasthan 17
22 Sikkim 01
23 Tripura 01
24 Uttarakhand 04
Total 437

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Annexure - III
Statement referred to Lok Sabha Un-starred Question No. 4390 for reply on 29.03.2017
Vacancy position of Judges / Judicial Officers of the District and Subordinate Courts as on 30.09.2016

Sr. No.	Name of State / UT	Number of Vacancies
1	Arunachal Pradesh	0
2	Andhra Pradesh & Telengana	223
3	Assam	108
4	Bihar	792
5	Chandigarh	0
6	Chhattisgarh	55
7	Daman & Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli	3
8	Delhi	307
9	Goa	10
10	Gujarat	794
11	Haryana	137
12	Himachal Pradesh	15
13	Jammu and Kashmir	26
14	Jharkhand	214
15	Karnataka	367
16	Kerala	89
17	Lakshadweep	0
18	Madhya Pradesh	202
19	Maharashtra	99
20	Manipur	11
21	Meghalaya	16
22	Mizoram	32
23	Nagaland	8
24	Orissa	191
25	Puducherry	12
26	Punjab	127
27	Rajasthan	210
28	Sikkim	04
29	Tamil nadu	79
30	Tripura	29
31	Uttar Pradesh	595
32	Uttarakhand	58
33	West Bengal and A & N Islands	124
Total		4937

Source : Court News (July-September, 2016) of Supreme Court
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